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FROM: HQ USAF/SG

110 Luke Avenue, Room 400 Bolling AFB, DC 20332-7050

SUBJECT: Air Force Screening and Treatment Policy for Hepatitis C Virus

The attached ASD(HA) memorandum (HA policy 99-00016) delineates the policy for screening and treatment of hepatitis C virus.

Personnel 35 years of age and older who are separating or retiring from the Air Force will be screened for hepatitis C at their routine medical outprocessing screening. Hepatitis C screening will be conducted using the statement and procedure described in the ASD(HA) memo. Specifically, the information, risk screening questions and patient response options indicated by bold-faced type in the memo should be utilized, and a place provided for patient signature. A locally produced and approved SF600 overprint incorporating this information may be used for this purpose. Once accomplished, the statement documenting the screening and counseling must be placed in the patient's medical record. Clinic personnel should ensure appropriate counseling, laboratory testing, clinical evaluation and follow-up are available when indicated.

If you have any questions, my POCs are Col Dana Bradshaw and Maj Steve Niehoff, AFMOA/SGOP, 110 Luke Avenue, Room 405, Bolling AFB, DC 20332-7050, DSN 297-4286, or (202) 767-4286 e-mail dana.bradshaw@usafsg.bolling.af.mil or steve.niehoff@usafsg.bolling.af.mil.

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